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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE OF SIKORSKY A-65 HELICOPTERS TO SOUTH  
AFRICAN FIRM

REF: CAPE TOWN 227; STATE 36427

1. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED MARCH 4, 1975 FROM D.E. TODD,  
GENERAL MANAGER, COURT HELICOPTERS (PTY)LTD. WHICH CONTAINS FOLLOWING  
REPLIES TO QUESTIONS (A) THROUGH (F) OF PARA TWO IN STATE 36427:

(A) THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE ON CONSTANT STANDBY TO MEET ANY  
EMERGENCY AT SEA WHICH MAY REQUIRE SEARCH AND RESCUE  
OR WHICH PRESENTS A POTENTIAL OIL POLLUTION THREAT.  
OTHER THAN MINIMAL CONTINUITY AIRBORNE TRAINING OF  
COURT CREWS, THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE ENGAGED IN SHIP  
SUPPLY SERVICE.

(B) NO

(C) (I) COURT HELICOPTERS ENGINEERING STAFF

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(D) WE ANTICIPATE THAT FOUR SERVICEABLE AIRCRAFT, WITH THE FIFTH UNDERGOING MAINTENANCE, SHOULD MEET THE PRESENT ANTI-POLLUTION/SEARCH AND RESCUE REQUIREMENTS OFF THE SOUTH AFRICAN COAST. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE PURCHASING OTHER S-65 HELICOPTERS BUT, NEVER-THE-LESS, AS EXPERTS IN THIS PARTICULAR FIELD, DO NOT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE SERVICE TO OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

(E) NONE

(F) YES

2. LETTER CONTAINS ADDITIONAL STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS: "WE CONSIDER THAT OUR COMPANY CAN MAKE A MOST WORTHWHILE CONTRIBUTION TO MINIMISE THE EVER INCREASING DANGER OF A MAJOR CATASTROPHY INVOLVING LADEN TANKERS AT SEA. IN THIS REGARD WE FEEL THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, IN GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THE PURCHASE OF THESE HELICOPTERS, WILL BE SERVING THE BEST INTERESTS OF NOT ONLY THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES AND THEIR INSURERS BUT THE PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA AND CONSERVATIONISTS THE WORLD OVER.

" SHOULD ANY FURTHER INFORMATION BE REQUIRED WE WOULD BE MOST PLEASED TO MAKE OURSELVES AVAILABLE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE."

3. SIGNED LETTER WILL BE POUCHED DEPT MARCH 7 ATTN. PM/MC, COPY TO AF/S AND OIC PRETORIA.  
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